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P.O. Box 43, MOORABBIN, 3189, Victoria, Australia

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Australia may be a wonderful country in which to live, but it is a most frustrating country UFO-wise. We read about 'touch-downs' and near contacts overseas, but reports of this nature either do not take place here or else people are too afraid to report such an incident, for fear of ridicule. Perhaps the 'UFOnauts' find us somewhat dull and give us only cursory glances in passing, but this lack of UFO sightings being currently experienced, seems to be almost world wide. Have the space travellers completed their examination or surveillance of this planet and left for good, or have they, as has been suggested, gone to muster their forces for some great event? There have been, by past records, periods when sightings have been extremely scarce just as there have been times when a 'spate' of sightings has occurred. Is this one of the slack periods prior to considerable activity or have we really seen the last of them??

A great deal of material comes into this Society relating to mans' future actions to 'save the Planet'; some of this is on what we term the 'lunatic fringe' and quite prophetic (and pathetic) in the manner in which it is written, but most of the material is of a somewhat higher standard and deals with properly investigated sightings and evaluations.

UFOlogy is a fertile field for the would-be hoaxers and it does not require too much imagination to join the 'lunatic fringe', but just as it is reasonably simple to recognise a fake photograph, so it is to identify the 'doubtful' material.

We must at all times, keep an open mind on the subject - someone once said to me that a great deal of rubbish is received when the mind is open - but if a variety of material is not read, how do we differentiate between fact and fiction?

Much has been written about the many facets of UFO research - in fact, there is hardly a subject (if indeed one) that cannot, in some way be connected with the UFO - but if, as research claims, the UFO's have been with us for thousands of years BC and recorded intermittently throughout later history, without having annihilated Earth's population, is it not possible and indeed probable, that they will be with us in the same manner, for many years to come, and without us learning anything more about them? Only time will tell!

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We are often asked whether we receive much information from behind the Iron Curtain. In the early days of UFO research, the U.S.S.R. openly stated that UFO's were the product of Capitalistic Propaganda, but only a year or so ago, they once again, openly commented that they have been having the same problem as the West regarding unidentified flying objects and more recently reported that they had run a triangulation on three objects and learned that they were about 600 yards long, and only 60 miles up. This commenced extensive research with at least 60 field researchers and scientists at the head of the investigation. At this stage, communications with our scientist 'contact' ceased and we have heard nothing more along these lines from that part of the world.

The following article, though not necessarily reflecting the opinion of this Society, is reprinted from the journal 'Space-Link', 99 Mayday Gardens, London. S.E. 3. England.

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CHRIST THE COSMONAUT.

By Gabriel Lorince.

A Senior Soviet university lecturer who claims to have 'irrefutable historical proof' that Jesus Christ was 'a cosmonaut with a civilising mission from an alien planet' has run into serious trouble with the authorities. His seemingly innocuous if somewhat unorthodox application of the tenets of historical materialism to the origins of Christianity has brought down on his head the displeasure of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, aroused the suspicion of the KGB and sent the vigilantes of the scientific atheist squad in hot pursuit of this 'space-age Christian revivalist'.

In public lectures and in a series of articles in the Siberian periodical Baikal, Mr.V. Zaytsev has put forward his theory that Jesus Christ and his closest associates were representatives of a more advanced civilisation. They had landed in their spaceship 'somewhere north-north-west of Egypt', he claims, and their apparent 'descent from heaven' had made Jesus the object of religious veneration. Zaytsev, a reader in philology, maintains that historical and linguistic proofs fully bear out his theory and help reconcile cosmonaut Christ's celestial - divine - human origins. He points out that the 'bright and slow-moving star of Bethlehem' that guided the shepherds to the scene of the so-called nativity had stopped right above the spot where Christ is believed to have been born. The nomadic people of Palestine called the star a 'flying temple', indicating that the holy family landed in a dome-shaped space-craft.

Further proof that Jesus came from outer space can be found in the 'cosmonaut's' conversations with his disciples as recorded in the Bible. Christ had repeatedly said that he 'came from Heaven' and that he 'did not know the ways of the earth'. 'My kingdom is not of this world' is quoted by Zaytsev, together with the saying that 'My kingdom is in Heaven', as a clear indication of Christ's cosmic origins. Among the wealth of historical events used to substantiate his theory, Christ's death and his 'ascent to heaven' plays an important role. But the real give-away of cosmonaut Christ's civilising mission on earth, according to Zaytsev, was his 'tolerance' of social outcasts and his 'democratism', quite out of place in the backward, slave-keeping society of some 2,000 years ago. 'Christ's humane, democratic attitude - to sinners, Samaritans and even tax collectors - could only be explained by his ignorance of prevalent earthly views and customs,' states Zaytsev.

Although such big guns as Academician Fedosyev, Russia's leading space expert, and the authority of the Soviet Academy of Sciences have been brought in to discount Zeytsov's theory the government newspaper Izvestia renewed the attacks on him last week on the grounds that his theory 'shows a suspicious kinship to the views propounded by reformist Western theologians, like the Bishop of Woolwich, or William Hamilton and Paul Van Buren

working for a Christian revival in the space age'.

In a lengthy if one-sided review of Anglican attempts to salvage Christianity by admitting that 'God had died' but the new-found 'just and human image' of Christ must 'live as a refuge for the believers', Izvestia finds much similarity between the 'Western Christian atheists' and Zaytsev. In particular, he is being taken to task for attributing to the 'historical figure of Christ' such traits and characteristics which not even the Bible claims he possessed. Izvestia writer Aleksandr Rogov takes exception to Christ's alleged 'democratism', and accuses Zaytsev of 'conveniently omitting all that does not fit his theory'. (A method showing Zaytsev's thorough Leninist training). Izvestia quotes Christ's 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's' to prove that, far from showing undue inclination to democratism, this Christian principle accommodated the slave-keepers and land-owners of the time 'and is today perfectly acceptable to the money-bags and monopolists'.

On the issue of 'tolerance', Izvestia recalls Bertrand Russell's lecture 'Why I am not a Christian' to show that Christianity, by condemning people to eternal damnation for even the slightest misdemeanours and unclean thoughts, had spread cruelty the world over. 'All this, however, does not prevent Western modernish theologians from endowing Jesus with the halo of tolerance, and compassion....or Zaytsev, a Soviet philology don, from becoming their virtual ally in keeping the Christian myth alive,' Izvestia added.

Clearly, the Soviet Academy of Sciences and Izvestia recognise a dangerous Christian revivalist when they see one, and are determined to crucify him.

Printed from New Statesman, 4th July,
1969.

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NO WONDER THEY'RE GREEN ON MARS.

COS-MOS.Mill Farm, Thringstone. Leicester
LE6, 3UH. England.

The little men from Mars have good reason to be green. The trouble, it seems, is a severe case of nitrogen starvation. Scientists investigating the planet's atmosphere have found that it has some of the gases which make up Earth's air, but no nitrogen at all. Without nitrogen, much of earth's chemistry would be impossible. Mariner 6 and 7 Mars probes passed close to the planet on July 30 and August 4. The verdict on Mars: Bleak, heavily cratered, cold, dry, almost airless and 'generally hostile to any Earth-style life forms.'.

Daily Mail. Eng.

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LIFE ON MARS?

Skylook, Box 129, Stover, Mo.
65078.USA.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, a NASA consultant, warned at Atlantic City that hostile life on Mars might prevent the first men travelling there from returning. This intriguing little item appeared in the "Arkansas Gazette" on Nov. 13th.

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Tasmania December, 1968.

A woman travelling home alone after working late at Western Junction Aerodrome (Launceston), noticed the whole road was lit by a bright light. A circular object surrounded by lights, and with a dome above, hovered over the road. After a moment, the object departed. Lights had been seen in the area for some weeks prior to this, and were seen to move erratically around the sky, dropping at times to low levels.

TASMANIA

The Moonah-Chigwell UFO.

Two sightings investigated by the Tasmanian Society (TUFOIC) occurred within 15 hours of each other on Sunday, August 24th.

Gregory Lodge and his friend Paul Warren were driving south on the Claremont end of Allunga Road, Chigwell, when they noticed a round, bright object some 45% above the horizon. They were surprised to see it travelling down towards them from a South to South West direction. They stopped and alighted from the car, to take a better look and by now the object was the size of a 20¢ piece held at arms length and was stationary about 50ft. above a ridge about one mile distant. Throughout the sighting, the object was changing color from yellow to red to orange. Lodge attempted to photograph the UFO but as he took the photo the object became half obscured by trees before disappearing. The weather was clear with the first hint of dawn breaking and the object had at its lowest point, Mt. Wellington as a background, thus discounting the possibility of it being an astronomical phenomenon.

The second took place in the evening when the Stantons were farewelling friends. A moving light along the hills caught their attention. The object appeared to them to be round or oval, and the apparent size of a 5¢ to 10¢ piece held at arms length.

The object which was white, had a light haze around it, and flashing blue lights on its edge, giving the appearance that it was rotating. The Stantons watched for some time as it moved erratically above the hills, but always progressing southwards. The Weather Bureau advised that their weather balloon was not in the area and the last plane into the Airport was at 8 p.m. and the possibility of bright stars in the area was also discounted.

Credit. T.U.F.O.I.C.
62 Leonard Avenue,
West Moonah. 7009. Tas.

Couple See Cylinder-Shaped Object.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (not their real name), a couple of good standing in their Missouri community, recently related a rather unnerving experience they had while on vacation in Texas in 1968.

They were driving on a lonely stretch of road about sunset when they observed a large, brilliant, white cylinder-shaped object off to their right about half a mile away. The object set its course and speed parallel to theirs and continued to pace them.

The Smiths decided to turn off the road at the next side road to get a closer look and to take some pictures of the object. As they did so, the object began to move away from them, making a turn to keep over the road they were now on as if encouraging them to follow. Mr. and Mrs. Smith then had a sudden feeling of apprehension and felt something might happen to them if they continued to follow the object.

Turning around, they sped back to the nearest town, some miles away. Looking back, the object remained visible for a time, then "after a few minutes, it took off."

They learned later that other people in the area had also seen the object. To their disappointment, the pictures they had taken turned out entirely white, showing nothing.

Credit. Skylook, Box 129, Stover.
Missouri. 65078. U.S.A.

Ed. A similar sensation experienced by Mr. Ron Hydes when the 'UFOonaut' beckoned to him, on the road from Wodonga, Vic. (Aust.) Flying Saucer Review No. 8.) I wonder just how many of us would react in exactly this way???

SOCIETY NEWS.

MAGAZINE.

For those conscientious members who attend the General Meetings, there will be some 'preview' copies of the magazine for sale at the April meeting, at the price of 25¢ per copy.

The speaker for that night will be Mr. Phillip Gittins, an Educationalist, who will talk on the subject of Exobiology.

MAY: We hope, that with the co-operation of NASA, we will be able to obtain a suitable film and also show the 'Age' film of the 'Moon landing'.

OVERSEAS MAGAZINES.

It is anticipated that we will have for sale, a number of magazines from the B.U.F.O.R.A. group. There will be only twenty (20) copies at first until we ascertain how many people would be interested in purchasing these Bulletins and Journals.

LIBRARY.

A number of members write letters of complaint regarding non-receipt of Library books within a short period of their request having been made. We would remind members that we have about 400 members within Victoria and another 200 Interstate; all of whom are entitled to use the library facilities. As we have only about 200 titles of which only very few are duplicated, it stands to reason there would be a waiting list for the most popular of these titles. Therefore, as each member is entitled to keep their book for a period of up to one month, one person ordering popular titles, could wait up to three months for a book, so when ordering, please name a number of alternatives. Your patience and co-operation will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

BADGES.

We wish to remind members that badges are still available. The tie-bar supplies have been exhausted, and at this stage we can't see our way clear to ordering more, but the screw type, (for the lapel of mens' coats) and the brooch or pin type are still available at the cost of 75¢ and 60¢ respectively.

NEWS LETTERS AND GENERAL MEETINGS.

Members, is there any particular aspect of UFO research you would like to be brought out in the news letters or discussed at the General Meetings? We wish to make both of these as interesting as possible, and can only do this with your help. Please address all your correspondence to the Secretary, c/o the Box 43, Moorabbin.

Our next news letter will probably carry the program for the remainder of the year. Country and Interstate members are always welcome to our meetings and don't forget MEMBERS, BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO THE MEETINGS AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE SUBJECT. WE CAN ALWAYS MAKE ROOM FOR ANOTHER MEMBER!

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MEMBER! ARE YOU FINANCIAL? DID YOU RECEIVE A REMINDER WITH YOUR LAST BULLETIN? IF SO; HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Car Rises from Highway as UFO Passes Overhead.

Credit Skylook, Jan. 1970.

Russell Ator, his wife and eleven years old son, were driving on State Highway no. 96 between Plainville and Payson, Illinois, thirteen miles southeast of Quincy and twelve miles SSW of Baldwin Field, Quincy Municipal Airport, on 30th November, 1969 at 5.30 p.m. C.S.T.

It was late dusk and the moon had not yet risen, when they saw a red flashing light moving straight west 200-300 yards to their right. The flashing red light disappeared in the west and very shortly a continuous red glowing triangle object appeared in the west and heading toward their car. Mr. Ator said that at a distance it appeared to be a circle of red lights, but when it came close to the witnesses, the entire object glowed a fire red color. It dipped down over their car as it turned, swinging across the highway to the south where it disappeared within seconds behind some trees. When the object passed over their car, the witnesses said it was larger than a light plane, and made no sound. Mr. Ator, who was driving the car between 55 and 60 mph, on a straight portion of the highway, said that when the object was directly over them, their car seemed to rise from the paved highway about ten inches and then settle back with only a noticeable thump. No dip in the road was discernible.

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SOME USES OF HYPNOSIS IN UFO RESEARCH.

It has been suggested that hypnosis should be introduced by investigators of UFO reports when interrogating witnesses of sightings or contacts, such as the one made by Betty and Barney Hill when they were taken aboard a 'space ship' and subjected to extensive medical examinations.

Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D. in an article for the English Flying Saucer Review states, "I believe that there is sufficient evidence to accept the hypothesis that the earth is being surveyed by spacecraft which are controlled by intelligent beings from an alien civilisation or civilisations; apparently the purpose and powers of these persons are not known, but I believe that investigations should be continued in the hopes of gaining more information and knowledge about UFO occupants".

"Despite the possible disadvantages, there are possible advantages in using hypnotic procedures in studying UFO phenomena. The primary advantage seems to be the facilitation of physiological and psychological relaxation, and the possible release of subconscious information - including recall of apparent experiences of UFO observation."

"Some uses are;

1. Assisting UFO observers to relax and to reduce anxiety which may be associated with their UFO observations.

2. Interviewing UFO observers, eliciting ideomotor responses and using other techniques for gaining more information about their UFO sightings.

3. Checking the reliability of previous information from observers about their UFO sightings.

4. Releasing repressed subconscious information from UFO observers about apparent 'loss of time' experiences.

5. Possible training of persons to gain 'out of body experiences' and 'project' themselves mentally into UFO locations.

6. Possible training of persons to gain psychic impressions, e.g. clairvoyant impressions of and telepathic communication with UFO occupants."

(Extract of an article by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D. Counsellor and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming, who has had a long association with this field, and is consultant to both NICAP and APRO.)

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NEWS LETTER.

JUNE, 1970.

URGENT NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Committee was shocked to receive the following letter from the Victorian Employers' Federation, who have been our 'landlords' for the past five months.

Dear Mr. Norris,

In my letter of the 28th April, 1970, I requested that the people attending your meetings only come onto the Third Floor, otherwise I would have to ask you to hold your meetings elsewhere.

Unfortunately on Friday evening the 5th June, 1970, people attending the U.F.O. meeting were found in other parts of the building, thus causing many complaints.

Henceforth, all meetings booked into Room 311 (McDougall Room) by the Victorian Unidentified Flying Objects Society have been cancelled.

I regret having to take this action, and I hope that you are able to find other satisfactory accommodation.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss M. O'Brien.

This matter has been brought up at our meetings and we feel our members have complied with their demands, but we cannot be held responsible for the meanderings of "outsiders" either attending our meetings or others in the building, and we feel the Society has been unfairly victimised.

This News Letter was held in abeyance in the hope that we may have been able to continue for at least another two meetings, but it would appear that common courtesy is all too uncommon in that office, and our representations to clear the matter have been completely ignored.

However, there are two bright spots on the horizon (no! Not UFO's) and these are, that we have tentative bookings at the Theatrette in the National Mutual Building, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne for the following nights:-

11th September,

13th November, and the

11th December.

Unfortunately all other meetings will have to be cancelled, but perhaps Discussion Groups can be held in private homes. These have always been a success in the past.

The National Mutual Hall is a very pleasant hall, situated on the LOWER GROUND LEVEL, will hold almost 200 and supper and film facilities are available at extra cost. This hall will cost \$30 per night, so bring your friends and help pay for it!

The other bright spot is that the film "MAROONED" is now at the Hoyts Cinema Centre, 140 Bourke Street, Melbourne and we have arranged a Picture Night to see this very dramatic film. (Having already seen the press preview, I can thoroughly recommend it as the most breath-taking and exciting film I have viewed in recent years. J.M. Magee).

From the Centre's publicity - "Recently we all experienced the incredible space drama of the imperilled Apollo 13 mission and for days the whole world held its breath as the rescue operations progressed from crisis to crisis to final success.

This true life story had already been mirrored in a motion picture which was waiting release in Australia and which will open at Cinema 1, Thursday 25th June. Columbia's 70 mm space drama MAROONED tells the breath-taking story of "Ironman One", Earth's first space laboratory, as near-disaster overtakes it during its return to Earth.

With a strong all-star cast, the film ranks with the greatest adventure stories of our time. Two months ago it was called science fiction. Today it is too close to fact to be called that. However, MAROONED still remains all the exciting elements of science fiction whilst also portraying the real life anxieties of not only the rescue crews but also of the wives and families of the stranded astronauts."

We have DE LUXE LOUNGE seats and at this stage only 50 tickets, at the cost of \$1.70 each. There are apparently no half 'fares', and we ask that the money for tickets be sent to THE SECRETARY, P.O. Box 43, not later than July 9th. No money will be accepted after that date, as it would be impossible to have tickets returned in time for the film.

The date of our film night is the evening of JULY 14th

WAS THE H-BOMB DROPPED 10,000 YEARS AGO?

Credit 'Flying Saucers' Amherst Press, Amherst Wisconsin, U.S.A. 54406.

Horror hit the Japanese city of Hiroshima in a split-second of nuclear explosion on August 6, 1945. The world shuddered at the incredible devastation caused by this new weapon the atom bomb.

But are nuclear weapons really new? It is possible that, 10,000 years ago, an entire civilization was wiped out in a dreadful nuclear war.

Students of the world's most ancient books, the collection of India's Sanskrit writings known as the 'mahabharata' have found astonishing reports which suggest that something very like the H-bomb was used thousands of years before the birth of Christ.

The 'mahabharata' are believed to have been written in their present form more than 3,000 years ago, but they were based on much older works no longer in existence.

In these ancient pages are to be found descriptions of death and destruction which so closely resemble accounts of the havoc at Hiroshima, that it seems nothing short of nuclear weapons could have been used.

One of them was called the 'Brahma weapon'.

"When this weapon was discharged smoke like 10,000 suns blazed up in splendour... then a thick gloom suddenly encompassed the hosts. All points of the compass were suddenly enveloped in darkness. Clouds roared into the higher air, showering blood... the world, scorched by the heat of that weapon, seemed to be in a fever. Darkness hid the entire army. Then we beheld a wondrous sight: burned by the power of that weapon, the forms of the slain could not even be distinguished."

It is difficult to believe that this account, with so many frightening similarities to our own time, was written thousands of years ago.

Reporting another explosion, the 'mahabharata' said that for days afterward there were terrible gales and peoples hair and fingernails dropped out.

"Food went bad and birds that had been contaminated turned white and their legs blistered and turned scarlet". The effect created by radioactivity from modern bombs.

The ancient writings contain descriptions of another weapon known as "Kapilla's Glance" which could burn 50,000 men to ashes in a flash.

And there are reports that men had tampered with the "Divine Fire", so that the earth split and 60,000,000 people in great cities drowned in one terrible night.

One scribe said: "Then for several years after the sun and the stars and the sky were hidden by volcanic clouds and violent storms. It seemed that the end of the world had come...."

The ancient writings are so factual in their descriptions that it is impossible not to wonder whether some incredibly advanced civilization was blasted to nothing thousands of years ago.

Perhaps, after all, the H-bomb is nothing new.

ANOTHER STRANGE AFFAIR AT OLAVARRIA.

Credit: Gordon Creighton for the English Flying Saucer Review.
Subscriptions to: 49a Kings Grove. London S.E.15.

According to a report in the Buenos Aires paper LaRazon of November 25, 1969, kindly sent to us by Senor Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos of Sevilla, Spain, the district of Olavarria, in the province of Buenos Aires, has again been the scene of some very strange happenings. As readers will recall it was there that, in July 1968, the boy Oscar Heriberto Iriart saw a landed disc and encountered alien beings while riding on his father's ranch.

The present report, no less fantastic, speaks of 17 strange luminous flying beings that visited a farm and emitted beams of light which smashed objects, put dogs to sleep, and produced a general commotion. I have translated the full report from La Razon, which is as follows:

"Veritable commotion prevails in this district as the result of the appearance of strange beings, presumably extraterrestrial, in view of their shape and their manner of gathering together in out-of-the-way spots.

"These queer forms appear at night, and fly about, projecting beams of light like searchlight beams, and of a vividness that has to be experienced. When anyone is struck by these beams of light he faints, and dogs are put to sleep and objects are smashed.

"The most moving account yet regarding these incredible happenings was given by the manager of a farm and the members of his family. The farm, known as 'Mi Recuerdo' is in the Crotto district.

"Reporters from the local paper, El Popular, went out there and talked to the witness, Senor Aquilo Ramon Acosta, aged 44, and his wife Amelia and their two children, German (a boy aged 6) and Monica, aged 10, and today's issue of the paper carries the story in full detail.

"Acosta's wife explained that, last Sunday (November 23) she and her two children had gone to the neighbouring farm (known as "El Carmen") to ask the manager, Senor Higinio Mendoza, to drive her into Olavarria. But on the way back from Olavarria they got a puncture in one of the tyres of the car, so she and the children decided to stay overnight at Sr. Mendoza's farm. 'I had left my poor husband alone at home', she said, 'and just see what 'happened to him!'

"We now come to Senor Acosta's own account. He said; 'I had gone to bed at 11 o'clock, or thereabouts. I hadn't been drinking liquor or anything like that. I was a bit worried because my wife and the children had not returned. Finally I dropped off to sleep, with the idea in mind that I would awaken at cock-crow. At about

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9.00 a.m. the cock crowed three times, and I got up. I went to the kitchen and lit the lamp and started preparing some mate tea. Everything was quiet. Not a sound. When I went out into the yard to get water from a pitcher, I saw them....! Some strange beings, lighting up the field with very powerful lights, just like searchlights. They were beside the wire fence (separating the house from a paddock) - about 15 metres from the kitchen.

"At first I told myself they must be will-o'-the-wisps but I'm not afraid of them. About ten of the beings were moving to and fro along the wire, illuminating the ground, and seven were in the paddock. The one nearest to the house came to a distance of about 8 metres from where I was. It had come over the wire and was entering the yard. I could only see them from the waist downwards. Scared though I was, I seemed to perceive that their clothing was transparent, for they shone. The chap, or Martian or whatever he was, was carrying a rod or something of the sort in his hand. He raised the rod and then suddenly flew into the air and went and joined the others near the wire. When I fixed my attention on these, which were bunched together in the corner of the yard, they shone these big lights of theirs on me. Suddenly the whole house was lit up, and I felt a heavy blow on the face as if someone had hit me! So I went back to the house, and into the kitchen. It had left me almost senseless... just as though I had been stunned. So much so, that although I had a gun in the room, I didn't even think of going to get it.

"Despite my state of shock, however, I plucked up enough courage to peep out through the little window in the door. And so I was able to see 'them' - I don't know how to call them - run along the wire fence from one end to the other, three times. And always they were shining their lights down on the ground!

"From time to time too they would focus them on the trees. But what seemed to interest them most of all - for it was there that they paused most - was the dung-heap, about 20 meters from the house.

"All this continued for about an hour".

The journalists went out to the spot indicated, where they saw some foot-prints like the prints of horses' hooves. And Costa said: "No. We haven't got any horses here..." There were also a lot of sort of little holes in the ground, and the grass was flattened as though by a very smooth roller.

Senora Acosta added: "There were also some other strange things in the house, like for example a pane of glass had been broken by the strange light. The pieces of the broken glass were none of them more than 4 cms long.

Senora Acosta, continuing emphasised that she had returned to find her husband in a highly excited state. She told reporters: "You should just have seen him for yourselves! He was in the kitchen. And he was repeating to me, over and over again: 'I always said they didn't exist. But now I believe in them!' The poor man, his eyes were running, and looked as though filled with blood, and his head was aching, and he was trembling, and when night fell he was again overcome with fear."

The Acosta family are held in high regard in the region, and have been living for 30 years on the farm, which is the property of Senor Ricardo Fortarrieu. It is indeed a staggering story.

CONTACTEE MESSAGES.

Credit B.U.F.O.R.A. Journal.

C/o Miss Henning, 99 Mayday Gardens, Blackheath, London.

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"We cannot compel them to make contacts with us. And when they do tail off in a series of somewhat dreary sermons, telling us how bad we are in comparison with them. This is all true enough I am sure and they may be unwilling to give us any of their mechanical and technical secrets until the general level of our morality and ethics have improved to a very great degree. But there is not much evidence that their (very spasmodic) efforts in this connection are having any appreciable effect" Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, RAF in a letter to Mr. Yusuke Matsumura of the CBA, dated 29.2.1964.

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ENGLAND. (Report in the "Daily Telegraph", August 30th 1969).

Date: 29th August 1969.

Time: 0230 hours.

Location: Tynham, Dorset, and Badbury Rings, near Blandford, Dorset.

Woman claims she saw Flying Saucer land.

A woman who claimed that she and her husband, who had been trained as a pilot, watched a flying saucer land on army ranges at Tyneham, Dorset, early yesterday later visited the site in daylight.

She found a 24ft diameter pattern of large holes, as if made by tubular legs tipped with long spikes.

Dorset police said last night that they found an unexplained similar pattern of corresponding holes at Badbury Rings, an ancient camp near Blandford, at the weekend. Puzzled, they had written them off as some kind of hoax.

Tyneham's circular holes are nine inches to a foot across, with a central narrow shaft. They appeared to have been gouged with a cylindrical object, but in neither case has any of the removed earth been left behind.

Mrs. X. who insisted on keeping her identity secret, said, "My husband and I had been fishing and were returning across the ranges at about 2.30 a.m. An elliptical object, glowing and apparently translucent, shot into view over the hill about a mile in front of our car and my husband said, 'It's coming down.'"

"There was no sound and it settled. It seemed to come to a sudden stop in the air and, in the light from it, we saw tripod like legs come down out of it. I was paralysed with fright. My husband drove slowly forward with his lights off until we could see it clearly about a quarter of a mile away. We stayed watching it for about half an hour, when it went up into the air and disappeared fast over the sea."

"There was no sign of life in it."

Mrs. X's husband was not available for comment.

Credit: Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society.

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Strange Object seen in Stover, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, who operate a drive in restaurant in Stover, Mo., and a customer, a farmer living west of the small Ozarks town, all observed a strange object about ten o'clock Saturday night, October 18th.

The drive-in is located on Highways 52-135, and the farmer, sitting where he faced the front windows was first to see the object and called Mr. and Mrs. Smith's attention to it. Described as round and balloon-like in shape, with a diameter of three or four feet and greenish, red and blue lights, it was about seven feet above the ground, and moved in a straight line from in front of the Reed Blackman house across the highway to the alley edging their lot, moving rapidly from east to west in a straight line, then suddenly disappearing.

Mrs. Smith said she thought it was going to hit a tree in its path, but as it neared that point, it "just went out like a light". In trying to recall details, she said the colors were outstanding. There were no flashing lights, or even bright lights, but a glow which made the colors stand out...

The weather was cloudy and there was a light rain which turned into a heavy downpour shortly after the object was seen and no one ventured across the highway to see if anything could be found where the object had disappeared. There was no thunder and lightning at the time of the sighting, but a thunder shower followed.

Credit: Skylane, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078 U.S.A.

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ENGLAND.

Date: July 22nd., 1969.
Time: 2230 hours approximately.
Location: Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

An object was seen in the sky by a man and his two sons who were in their garden looking at the moon, a few days after the moon landing. It was in a southerly direction and approximately 50° elevation. It consisted of three very bright flashing lights, red-green-and white, which appeared to be on an object, although no object was discernible. No noise could be heard, but the witness at first thought the object must be a helicopter as it was stationary.

He decided to try and find some more witnesses, so he went down the street and met two young men, and the three of them stood watching the odd sight for from 10 to 15 minutes. Suddenly it flashed across the sky at a "fantastic speed, faster than a rocket" and disappeared over the western horizon. Almost immediately it returned at the same speed to its original position, but the witnesses then noticed that there were now three similar objects. He was unable to say from which direction the other two had come. Witness was anxious to get some more people to see the phenomenon so he hurried into a nearby public house and managed to persuade most of the customers to go with him outside to see the "strange thing in the sky". Unfortunately by this time the objects had all disappeared.

Comment: The witness was most impressed by this sighting and said that he had always considered this "UFO business" to be nonsense but he had changed his mind and was now of the opinion that there was something up there. The two sons confirmed the sighting and also one of the two young men was contacted. He estimated the object to be the size of a pea held at arms length and extremely bright.

Credit. Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society.

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Another Airship Report -- back in 1909.

Many of our readers make a collection of those old "airship" reports and here's one which Brent Raynes, of Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Me., U.S.A., found while searching through the files of the "Bangor Daily News".

New Haven, Dec. 27 (1909) -- An airship is supposed to have passed over this city Saturday at 11.40 a.m. The airship was seen by Capt. George S. Barrows of Fire Engine Company 12 and several of his men. It was going northeast. It was about 1,000 feet high, it seemed, and was under perfect control apparently.

The Fire Captain, when he first saw the queer object, questioned his eye sight for he had just returned from his Christmas dinner. Then he called his men and a half dozen of them ran into the street to take a look at the airship. At the time it was over the western part of the city.

Captain Barrows declared that he could see the planes and the rudder and could also see what to him appeared to be the exhaust from a motor. It was too high up to see the occupants. Capt. Barrows called a number of citizens besides the firemen to watch the air machine and all kept it in view for 8 to 10 minutes, when it passed out of sight. During that time the distance covered was estimated from 8 to 10 miles. About an hour later a snowstorm struck the city.

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